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MEMORANDUM

To: Community Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

From: Virginia Trotter Betts, Commissioner
Bruce D. Emery, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

Date: January 4, 2010

Re: TDMHDD/BOPP Community Treatment Collaborative

cc: Gayle Raye, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Charles Traugher, Chairman, Board of Probation and Parole
Bo Irvin, Executive Director, Board of Probation and Parole
Gary Tullock, Director of Field Services, Board of Probation and Parole
Maggie Throckmorton, Director of Special Projects, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

TDMHDD is pleased to announce our new partnership with the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) for the provision of \$2.225 million dollars in substance abuse treatment services to at risk technical probation and parole violators in an effort to divert this population from incarceration in State prison. Administered by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (DADAS), community substance abuse treatment providers across the State are encouraged to apply to become an approved provider in the TDMHDD/BOPP Community Treatment Collaborative. This combined effort is part of the Joint Offender Management Project (JOMP), a broader collaboration between Department of Correction (DOC) and BOPP.

In these challenging times of reduced budgets and services, this collaboration is a bright spot and the beginning of what we anticipate will be a long term, ongoing collaboration between agencies. It is also a firm acknowledgement of the direct impact and value of treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

Services will be delivered through a Delegated Purchase Authority (DPA), allowing for broad availability of services across the state, best meeting the needs of the population and supporting critical JOMP diversion goals. Please take special note of the following:

- Services for each individual client participating in the project are currently capped at \$5000.
- No individual agency cap will be applied at this time. This may change at some future point, depending on availability of funding.
- All potential TDMHDD/BOPP Community Treatment Collaborative clients will be screened using the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI), a nationally validated and evidenced based risk assessment tool.
- Based on assessed level of risk and substance abuse service need, appropriate clients who meet eligibility criteria (see TDMHDD/BOPP Treatment Collaborative Guidelines) will be referred for treatment services which may include but not limited to: assessment, IOP and residential treatment.
- All referrals will come from BOPP Psychiatric Social Workers.
- Best practice in working with a population engaged in the criminal justice system requires strong ongoing collaboration between treatment providers and BOPP staff. Treatment providers will be required to communicate frequently with BOPP Officers and Psychiatric Social Workers on client treatment progress and compliance.

The TDMHDD/BOPP Community Treatment Collaborative Application and Guidelines are available online at www.tn.gov/mental. To put services in place as soon as possible, TDMHDD request applications be submitted by January 15, 2010; applications may be submitted after this date, but agencies are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the application, guidelines or program, please contact Maggie Throckmorton, Director of Special Projects, who will be managing the collaborative project.

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